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SUBJECT: IRANIAN THREATS AGAINST UAE

SUMMARY: SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL SUMMONED AMBASSADOR TO RIYADH, FEBRUARY 12, TO ASK USG ASSESSMENT OF IRANIAN THREAT AGAINST UAE. PRINCE SAUD SAID UAE RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GOI THAT IRAN WOULD CONSIDER ANY INCREASE IN OIL PRODUCTION BY UAE TO BE THREAT AGAINST IRAN AND GOI COULD NOT PREDICT CONSEQUENCES. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID SAG EXTREMELY DISTURBED ABOUT SITUATION AND VIEWED ANY THREAT AGAINST UAE AS A THREAT AGAINST SAG.

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED REQUEST EVENING OF FEBRUARY 11, TO GO TO RIYADH, FEBRUARY 12, TO MEET FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL. PRINCE SAUD OPENED CONVERSATION SAYING THAT HE DID NOT CARE TO GO INTO DETAILS OF AFTERMATH OF DOHA OPEC MEETING BUT THAT AS RESULT OF SAUDI POSITION SUPPORTED BY UAE, THERE WAS GENERAL GENERAL UPHEAVAL IN OPEC CIRCLES. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN MANY PRESS ATTACKS AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA; BUT THESE DID NOT BOTHER SAG. SAG BELIEVED REASONS FOR ITS POSITION AT DOHA WERE SOUND AND HEARD NO ARGUMENTS TO CONVINCE THEM OTHERWISE.

2. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT WHAT IS DISTURBING TO SAG NOW ARE THE THREATS

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DIRECTED TOWARD UAE PARTICULARLY FROM IRAN. GOVERNMENT OF UAE HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM IRAN THAT IF UAE INCREASES PRODUCTION, THIS WOULD BE THREAT AGAINST IRAN AND GOI DOES NOT KNOW WHAT CONSEQUENCES WILL BE. FOREIGN MINISTER REPEATED THAT SAG EXTREMELY DISTURBED ABOUT THREAT WHETHER THREAT REAL OR NOT. IT IS NOT REASONABLE ATTITUDE FOR GOI TO TAKE TOWARD NEIGHBOR WITH SIMILAR VIEWS AND ATTITUDES ON MOST ISSUES.

3. PRINCE SAUD SAID SAG CANNOT VIEW THIS MATTER AS PASSING PHASE. ANY THREAT TOWARD UAE OR OTHER GULF STATE IS THREAT TO SAUDI ARABIA. THIS HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AND HE WAS REPEATING IT TO AMBASSADOR TO STRESS THAT IT REMAINS FIRM SAG POLICY. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID SAG CANNOT STAND IDLE IN FACE OF THREAT TO UAE WAITING TO SEE WHETHER GOI HAS INTENTION TO FOLLOW THROUGH OR NOT.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER REITERATED THAT SAG TAKING MATTER SERIOUSLY AND IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO HAVE USG ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION.

5. AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DEEP CONCERN WITH WHICH SAG VIEWED SUCH THREATS TO GULF STATES. HE SAID USG HAS BEEN FOLLOWING PRESS CRITICISM OF SAUDI OPEC DECISION AND BELIEVES SUCH CRITICISM REFLECTS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER DECISION ON PART OF OTHERS. IT ALSO INDICATES THAT OTHERS HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS DONE FOR OPEC IN PAST. AMBASSADOR TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER HE WOULD REPORT SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION TO DEPARTMENT AND REQUEST THEIR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION.

6. EMBASSY IN RIYADH REPORTS THAT A FRIEND WITH GOOD SAUDI CONTACTS SAID THAT UNITS OF SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD HAD BEEN MOVED FROM RIYADH TO EASTERN PROVINCE. EMBASSY CANNOT SAY WHETHER INFORMATION TRUE OR NOT.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT DEPARTMENT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE, UNLESS SECRETARY WISHES TO MENTION MATTER DURING VISIT.

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